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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket 04-36, ex parte communication pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Rules

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

John Melcher of Greater Harris County (Texas) 9-1-1, Ric Atkins of Tarrant County (Texas) 9-1-1, Roger Hixson of NENA and I as counsel for the three groups met yesterday with Julie Veach and members of the Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, as well as John Healy and Walter Johnston of the Office of Engineering and Technology.

Messrs. Melcher, Atkins and Hixson spoke from the appended handout and slide presentation. The group also discussed declines in customer surcharge funding of 9-1-1 operations, owing to shifts away from wire telephony where comparable charges on wireless or VOIP services are not available.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Julie Veach, John Healy, Walter Johnston